

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration is requested.

The attached paper and computer readable copies if the Sequence Listing are the same. No new matter has been added. A separate Statement to this effect is attached.

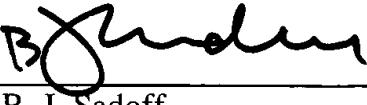
The attached and the above is believed to be completely responsive to the Communication dated January 30, 2003.

As noted to the Examiner during a teleconference with the undersigned on February 11, 2003, the Communication of January 30, 2003, is believed to be in error in that the Communication states that no extensions of time are available for responding to the Communication. The applicants note however that at no time prior to the Communication of January 30, 2003, and the attached Notice to Comply has the applicant been advised of any requirement for filing a paper and computer readable copies of a Sequence Listing. The Communication of January 30, 2003, should have, at least, provided for extensions of time according to Rule 136(a).

An early and favorable Action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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